

RESOLUTION NO. 32 FOR 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME, OREGON AUTHORIZING ITS SUPPORT OF THE OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION'S TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS'S PROPOSAL TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE TO FUND LOCAL HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS OREGON'S CRISIS OF THE UNHOUSED

WHEREAS, the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) created a Taskforce on Homelessness, consisting of 25 mayors from across the state, in May of 2022, to develop a response to homelessness that would help all communities statewide, regardless of size, or location, to address Oregon's crisis of the unhoused;

WHEREAS, over the summer and fall of 2022, the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness met regularly to develop its homelessness plan, finalizing the same on October 14, 2022;

WHEREAS, the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness calls for a partnership between the state and Oregon's 241 cities to allow for the establishment and expansion of local, community-based responses that provide immediate shelter, needed services, and secure safety for unhoused Oregonians;

WHEREAS, the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness's plan requires the enactment of two separate, yet parallel, budget proposals during the 2023 Legislative Session: (1) a budget package which provides direction allocation to cities for homelessness response and prevention services; and (2) an allocation that provides capital improvement funding for cities;

WHEREAS, the budget package proposing a direction allocation to cities for homelessness response and prevention services recommends providing each city with funds in an amount equal to \$40 per resident, in accordance with the latest official population estimates from Portland State University, with no city receiving less than \$50,000 in direct funding, and requires the funds to be used by the city, or a community partner of the city's choice, for homelessness response and prevention services; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Sweet Home supports the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME,
OREGON DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to:

- Sign letters of support of the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness;
- Speak with state legislators, the Governor, the Governor's staff, or other state government officials in support of the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness; and,
- Provide testimony, either written or verbal, to the Oregon Legislature in support of the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness.

Section 3. The City Council recognizes and acknowledges that the plan proposed by the OMA Taskforce on Homelessness may be subject to amendment, and provided the spirit of the plan (direct allocation of funding to cities and/or capital funds directed to Oregon cities) is maintained, the authorization provided by Section 2 is applicable.

Section 4. This Resolution will take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED this 8th day of November, 2022.

Mayor

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder